



# MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

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Marathon City Council

Ref: Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
City of Marathon  
Monthly Report: December 2021

Dear Council,

December was very busy and an active month. Deputies responded to over 5,115 calls for service this month. Even with COVID issues, Deputies still were able to make 123 arrests and Notice to appear cases and 9 DUI investigations. Deputies spent a significant amount of time policing area businesses during the holidays. While extremely busy, all were orderly with very little issues. Marathon deputies conducted 731 traffic stops this month.

Marathon Deputies continue to make an impact in our community with local clean ups and community projects. Deputies volunteered their time with the Salvation Army and community groups with participation of gift giving to our community children and families in need. Gift cards were distributed to citizens who were able to obtain food from our local supermarkets.

No significant crimes or crime trends to report.





Deputy VanHoose, Deputy Aguanno and Sgt. Slough received a lifesaving award from the Sheriff on December 15<sup>th</sup> for actions taken during a medical call which required the use of tourniquets.



Deputy Aguanno, Deputy Swire, and Deputy Gardner teamed up with Home Depot to have supplies donated to cover up graffiti at Rotary Park.



Christmas Day Deputies Gardner, Swire and VanHoose worked with Lt. Jones to clean up with entrance to 15<sup>th</sup> street in Marathon.

### **Crime/Arrest Report:**

#### **MCSO21OFF009201: Weapon Offense**

**Reported: December 17th, 2021**

**Occurred: 74th Street**

Deputies responded to shots fired complaint, reactivated from the prior night, and whereupon deputies apprehended Jonathan Benitez, who was intoxicated and in possession of a concealed .357 revolver. Witnessed stated that Benitez had been drinking and shot his revolver toward the street, possibly aiming at an electric transformer which Benitez believed to be appearing and disappearing. The crime scene contained a spent .38 shell casing and several alcoholic beverage containers. Benitez was arrested and charged with firing a deadly missile and breach of peace.

#### **MCSO21OFF009077: Threats**

**Reported: December 13th, 2021**

**Occurred: By Phone**

The Veterans Affairs Assistance line called and reported that man called them from Marathon and made homicidal threats to the government, law enforcement officers and was going to blow up the DC Capitol. Huggins advised that he was in front of a Federal Building at the time he was calling. The man was located and Baker Acted later that night after calling in on himself and having suicidal thoughts.

## **MCSO21OFF008564: Grand Theft – Follow-up**

**Reported: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Marathon**

The victim reported his dog missing since November 5<sup>th</sup>. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, the victim was notified by his beautician that another client had possession of his dog, and that the beautician had been shown a photograph of the dog by the other client, who refused to return it. The victim visited the suspect's residence on Big Torch, where the suspect admitted to having the victim's dog, but said it was now dead and buried before telling the victim to leave his property.

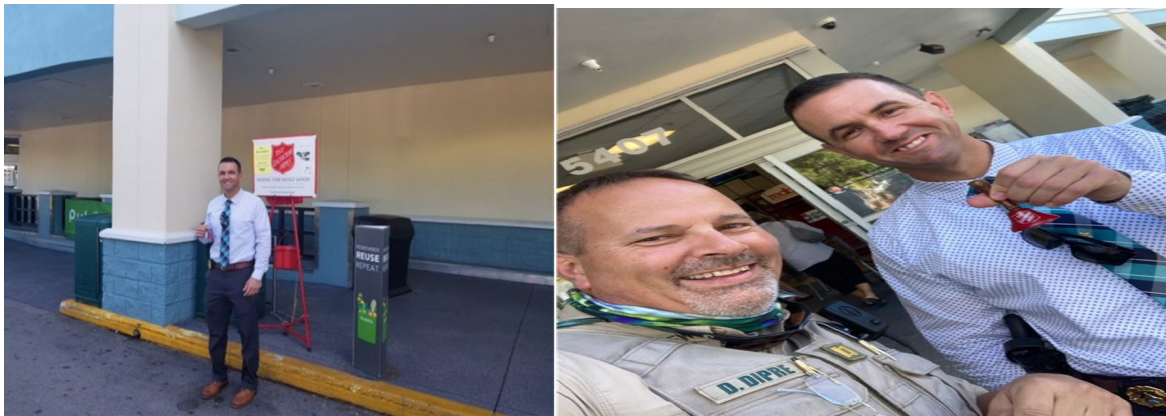
Detective Bragg investigated this case and developed probable cause to apply for a search warrant for the suspect's residence.

The suspect was arrested on a warrant for Grand Theft and added 2 additional counts of resisting. A search warrant was executed on the suspect's residence on December 3rd.

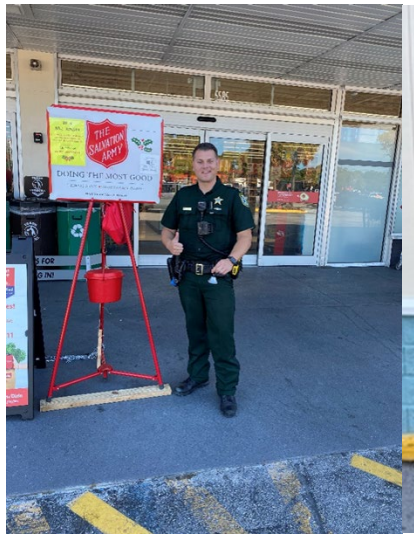
The dog was later recovered and returned to the owner unharmed.

## **Community involvement**

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Deputy Swire reports: Marie has a daughter and son who attend Switlik Elementary. Their father died a few months ago from covid-19. The death has been hard on the family. A gift card for Publix was given to Marie to help with the holidays.







Deputy Willy Guerra helping our community

children with donated toys and bicycles.

**Personnel and Budget:**

Currently 3 deputies down. No budget concerns at this time.

Respectfully,

Capt. Don Hiller